

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating or ameliorating a respiratory infection, or a symptom thereof, in a human subject suffering therefrom, said method comprising administering to said human subject an effective amount of an ~~IL-9 antagonist antibody or fragment thereof~~ that immunospecifically binds IL-9, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof comprises:

- (a) a VH CDR1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26, a VH CDR2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:64, a VH CDR3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, a VL CDR1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:65, a VL CDR2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:66, and a VL CDR3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20; or
- (b) a VH domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:27 and a VL domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method of treating or ameliorating wheezing in a human pre-term infant, a human infant or a human child, said method comprising administering to said pre-term infant, infant or child an effective amount of an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds IL-9, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof comprises:

- (a) a VH CDR1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26, a VH CDR2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:64, a VH CDR3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, a VL CDR1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:65, a VL CDR2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:66, and a VL CDR3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20; or
- (b) a VH domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:27 and a VL domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.

4. (Previously Presented) A method of treating or ameliorating wheezing in a human subject suffering therefrom, said method comprising administering to said human subject: an effective amount of an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds IL-9, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof comprises: